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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA REPRODUCTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

a1
3. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the method
further comprises (h) applying corrections to each respective
block of data in accordance with the results of the
correction calculations performed in steps (e) and (g).

a2
17. A decoder comprising input means for receiving at least
one continuous data stream, the data stream incorporating an
error protection code applied on the basis of a predetermined
size of data block, wherein the decoder is arranged to